Are you aware of issues that affect public safety on the Highway?

For all highways works including potholes, flooding and vegetation that could cause a hazard, and damaged or missing road signs, please contact

Highways Enquiries on 0345 3101111, 8.30 till 4.30pm. Outside these hours you will be advised to call Thames Valley Police on 101

Email: highwayenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk Or www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/report or https://www.fixmystreet.com/reports/Oxfordshire

The District Council is responsible for street cleansing. For mud, leaves and street cleansing, contact VoWH DC (Biffa) on 03000 610610

Where debris such as dead animals is found on the carriageway, Oxfordshire County Council may move it to the verge for the District Council to clear. Oxfordshire County Council clears debris after road traffic incidents such as oil or broken glass etc.

Regarding the A34:

For **urgent** matters, call **0300 123 5000** For non-urgent issues, please contact <u>info@highwaysengland.co.uk</u> For A34 traffic delays, visit http://www.trafficdelays.co.uk/a34-traffic-delays/

For siding out and vegetation clearance, contact Unpaid Work (formerly Community Payback) 01869 328500 or email <u>Diane.Major@thamesvalleycrc.org.uk</u> or

Eleanor.hopping@thamesvalleycrc.org.uk or janet.hall@thamesvalleycrc.org.uk

The Probation Service seeks to provide work for probationers who are conducting community service as an alternative to a custodial sentence. They need to work where they will be visible and to have access to a hall for welfare.

If you would like to discuss non-urgent requests for improving your area, please ask for the Highways Inspector by contacting highway enquiries as above.



Highway Works in the Vale of White Horse

December 2016, January, February 2017



Maintaining the Highway

Welcome to the latest newsletter on highway maintenance in the Vale of White Horse Laura Hutchins Payne, Area Steward Vale of White Horse

Changes to Highway Maintenance

Laura Hutchins Payne

Sweep & Fill

Oxfordshire County Council is seeking to save expenditure on defect repairs. We are using *Sweep and Fill* on all non A&B roads. This is a cheaper treatment and we will be monitoring its effectiveness. You may notice the difference in the appearance of our repairs.

Grass Cutting

Oxfordshire Together is the programme under which Oxfordshire County Council make a contribution toward the maintenance of grass verges in Oxfordshire. This contribution is allowing Parish Council to cut the grass twice a year. Where Oxfordshire County Council manages the verges next year, verges will be given priority for grass cutting according to their use, particularly visibility splays, cycle routes, and some other routes. It is pleasing that more parishes are now taking on the management of grass cutting, grip maintenance and some of the other proposals offered under *Oxfordshire Together*. The deadline date for contracts for grass cutting in 2017 -2018 is 31st December, so do please let me know if you would like to take on a new contract next year.

Harwell Link Road

Patching works planned in the Vale, now completed Fernham – 28 & 29 November

Spring Hill, Southmoor – 30 November Appleton Road, Cumnor – 1 December Oxford Road, Abingdon – 2 December

Forward Programme, resurfacing 2017/ 2018 Harcourt Hill The Avenue, Kennington (btw Playfield and St Swithuns) The Vineyard A420 Pusey turn

Surface Dressing 2017 A420 btw Tubney and Kingston Bagpuize duals A338 Tubney to Frilford

Safety Schemes Kingston Bagpuize roundabout

Dragon patching

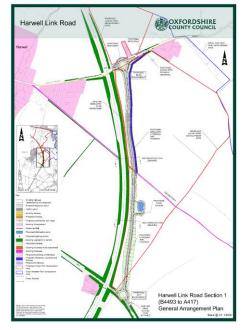
Wantage – Hampden Road (cul de sac) Abingdon – Alexander Close Wootton – Hawkins/ Mathews Way

Minor Civils

Abingdon South Avenue, access issues Baulking – A417, kerbing Botley, - Yarnells Hill, footway repair Buscot – Middle Lodge, raise kerbs at enterance

Community Payback

We have been working with Thames Valley Rehabilitation Service to reduce vegetation along a number of footpaths and footways in the Vale. We are seeking to reduce our vegetation now, so that the growth is manageable next spring and summer when the bird nesting season prohibits tree and vegetation reduction. Oxfordshire County Council is constructing a new road between the B4493 and A417, known as Harwell Link Road, and has made improvements to the Hagbourne Hill road. These schemes are intended to improve journeys between Didcot and Harwell Oxford Campus.



The Harwell Link Road will consist of 1.2k of single carriageway with a roundabout tying into the A417 & the A4493 with footpath, cycleway & bridleway connecting to the existing Driftway Bridleway.

Following the two recent successful and well attended public exhibitions at Harwell Village Hall, GallifordTry the contractors appointed by Oxfordshire County Council to construct the Harwell Link Road, have now commenced work. Initially they are setting up the site compound adjacent to the A417. Works started 1st December 2016 Completion expected March 2018

They are also carrying out site clearance by removing trees and hedges. In the new year they will commence erecting boundary fence lines and bulk earthworks. The contactors aim to be good neighbours, and if residents have any concerns they can contact the contractor's Public Liaison Officer at <u>alan.jones@gallifordtry.co.uk</u> or telephone 0800-028-5199.